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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1915.

OCONEE SCHOOLS IMPROVING.

Superintendent T. A. Smith's Report to State Superintendent.

Superintendent of Education T. A. Smith has just forwarded to State Superintendent J. E. Swearingen the following supplementary report:

Hon. J. E. Swearingen, Columbia, S. C.: Dear Sir: The school year 1914-15 was the best in the history of Oconee county. The work has been along conservative lines. The trustees and patrons generally have co-operated with the County Superintendent and members of the County Board of Education, which is the vital factor in stimulating the educational work that is sweeping over Oconee. Our watchword is, better school houses, up-to-date furniture and apparatus, and better equipped teachers to do the work.

We are getting better school houses, furniture and apparatus by raising our local tax, duplicated by State aid.

We need better teachers, and must have them before we can have better schools; but we are now getting better teachers than we pay for, with short school terms, small salaries, unclassified and unclassifiable schools. In order to raise the standard, our rural supervising teacher, Miss Sallie Stridling, is teaching a normal class, in which the rural teachers are given training in methods of teaching the common branches, and in rural school management.

The enrollment last year was the largest in the history of the county. We enrolled 6,213 white children; (negro children, 2,177). Miss Annie McMahon, rural supervising teacher up to July 1st, did a great work in getting these white children in school.

Last April a county field day was held and great interest and enthusiasm was manifested. About 3,000 children took part in the exercises.

We have in the county a live and active County Teachers' Association. The average attendance last year was very good. Several meetings were held during the year.

One of the greatest needs we have now, I think, is some means of keeping a county bond fund, such as we had for the year 1913-14. The County Board of Education, through the use of this fund, was able to encourage a great many activities that it will not be able to do unless some other means is provided. For instance, we increased the average attendance by the largest per cent of any county in the State, almost eliminating non-attendance of children of school age, and more cheaply, we think than we could have done it through the machinery of the compulsory education law. We were also able to strengthen, encourage and build up a number of weak schools in the remote parts of the county where such help was absolutely necessary to keep them going long enough to do any good and get them interested.

It is my opinion that our schools should devote more time to the industrial feature—education for real life. The tendency has been too much towards fitting the child to the curriculum instead of fitting the curriculum to the child.

Special Taxes.  
During the year just passed special taxes have been levied in the following districts:

Oconee Creek, No. 59, . . . . . 8 mills.  
Zimmerman, No. 77, . . . . . 2 mills.

Additional Levies.  
—Mills—

No. Name Additional Total

1 Townville . . . . . 16  
3 Providence . . . . . 8  
24 Zion . . . . . 4  
25 Neville . . . . . 4  
22 Stone Church . . . . . 6  
23 Cherry . . . . . 8  
25 Keowee . . . . . 4  
37 Norton . . . . . 2  
46 Tamassee . . . . . 8  
45 Flat Shoals . . . . . 8  
63 Seneca . . . . . 9  
69 Ebenezer . . . . . 8

Thus two districts voted a special tax and twelve districts increased their tax during the last twelve months. In addition, an election will be held on October 22, in Westmin-

ster District, No. 17, on the question of increasing the levy from eight to eleven mills.

I am glad to state that in only two cases where a vote was ordered for an increased levy was the same voted down, viz.: Return and Blue Ridge.

During the last year four new school buildings have been erected. Besides these a new school building at Bounty Land is being erected, this having two class rooms.

Whetstone, No. 53 and Double Springs No. 54 have been consolidated, and we will erect in the near future a large and commodious school building.

We have four high schools, 22 rural graded schools, 71 term, and 17 schools without a special tax.

The progress of the year has been gratifying, and the co-operation of trustees and patrons has likewise been satisfactory.

Very respectfully,  
Thos. A. Smith,  
Supt. of Ed., Oconee County.  
Walhalla, Oct. 18, 1915.

How's This?

We offer one hundred dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

P. J. Cheney & Co.,  
Toledo, Ohio.

We, the undersigned, have known P. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

National Bank of Commerce,  
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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Adv.

Twelve-Mile River Association.

The union meeting of the Twelve-Mile River Baptist Association will be held with Shady Grove church on the fifth Saturday and Sunday in this month. Following is the program:

Devotional exercises, conducted by John Corbin, from 10:30 to 11 o'clock.

Introductory sermon by Rev. H. F. Wright.

Refreshments.  
1 to 2 p. m.—Query: "The elements of spiritual strength in the church." Opened by Rev. E. M. Bolding.

2 to 3 p. m.—Query: "An Association Efficiency." Opened by Rev. J. L. Willis.

3 to 4 p. m.—3d query: "Home Religion." Opened by D. E. Garrett.

Adjourn.  
Sunday morning, 9:30 o'clock—Devotional by Rev. Chas. Atkinson.

10 to 11 o'clock—4th query: "The Necessity for Training Sunday School Teachers." Passed by Rev. Thos. J. Watts.

Missionary sermon by Rev. J. L. Willis.

By order of committee:  
S. E. Garner,  
D. E. Garrett,  
R. P. Prince.

**CASTORIA**  
For Infants and Children.  
The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Clemson Borrows \$61,700.

Columbia, Oct. 21.—Acting under a resolution of the last General Assembly, the State's finance board has borrowed \$61,700 for Clemson College. The fertilizer tag tax revenue was materially reduced this year as a result of the war and it was necessary to borrow this money for the college. The money was secured at a rate of 2.11 per cent from the Palmetto National Bank of Columbia.

MOTHER! YOUR CHILD IS CROSS, FEVERISH, FROM CONSTIPATION.

If Tongue is Coated, Breath Bad, Stomach Sour, Clean Liver and Bowels.

Give "California Syrup of Figs" at once—a teaspoonful to-day often saves a sick child to-morrow.

If your little one is out-of-sorts, half sick, isn't resting, eating and acting naturally—look, mother! See if tongue is coated. This is a sure sign that its little stomach, liver and bowels are clogged with waste. When cross, irritable, feverish, stomach sour, breath bad or has stomachache, diarrhoea, sore throat, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," and in a few hours all the constipated poison, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

Mothers can rest easy after giving this harmless "fruit laxative," because it never fails to cleanse the little one's liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and they dearly love its pleasant taste. Full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups printed on each bottle.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."—Adv.

## WIRELESS TALK OVER SEAS.

Telephone Communication Established Between Arlington and Paris.

New York, Oct. 21.—Trans-Atlantic wireless telephony is an accomplished fact. Observers listening at the Eiffel Tower in Paris have heard a speech sent out by engineers of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company from apparatus developed by this company and the Western Electric Company and installed at Arlington, Va. The equipment was that employed a few weeks ago in talking by wireless telephone to San Francisco and Honolulu. The antenna employed at Arlington was that of the United States Navy Department, which was placed at the disposal of the American engineers through the courtesy of the department.

At the time of the announcement of successful wireless telephony from Arlington to Mare Island, Panama, San Diego and Honolulu on September 21, Chief Engineer John J. Carly, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, made the announcement that the achievement then accomplished demonstrated the possibility of trans-Atlantic wireless telephony from Washington or New York to London, Paris and other European capitals.

Another Chapter Concluded.

The announcement marks the conclusion of another chapter in the experiment undertaken by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. When Mr. Carly's engineers commenced work on the long-distance wireless telephone experiments, observers with receiving apparatus were sent not only to Panama, San Diego, Mare Island and Honolulu, but also two engineers, H. E. Shreeve and A. M. Curtis, were sent to Paris. Through the courtesy of the French government, limited facilities for listening at the Eiffel Tower station were placed at their disposal. Full appreciation of the interest and extreme courtesy of the French government can be understood when the great value of the Eiffel Tower station for military purposes is understood. Due to military necessities, the amount of time available for the wireless telephone experiments was so limited as to constitute a serious handicap to a speedy completion of the work. Added to this was the handicap resulting from the fact that all regular communication between Mr. Shreeve and the engineers in America had to be by cable, and was subject to long delay.

Verified by French Officials.

Notwithstanding the difficulties of communication, speech was successfully transmitted from Arlington to Paris over a week ago, and has been repeated on several occasions since. Officials of the French government have listened to and verified the results obtained by Mr. Shreeve and Mr. Curtis. Although Mr. Carly had received full cable reports of all of the results obtained in Paris, no announcement has heretofore been made out of courtesy to the French government.

In a cable received by Mr. Carly to-day concerning the results of tests made early this morning, Mr. Shreeve reported speech received by him and

the time of its reception.

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